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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM PRESENTS 11TH ANNUAL BUGBEE LECTURE**

#### **MISSOULA--**

A well-known philosopher, teacher and author will explain his personal blend of sport and contemplation Thursday, April 22, when The University of Montana presents the 11th annual Bugbee Lecture.

Richard Gotshalk, a retired Pennsylvania State University philosophy professor now living in Montana, will discuss "Fishing, Philosophy and Contemporary Life" starting at 8 p.m. in Room 123 of the Gallagher Building. The event honors Henry Bugbee, retired UM philosophy professor, onetime chair of the philosophy department and driving force behind the intensive humanities program offered at UM during 1970-75.

Gotshalk will speak to the Philosophy Forum at 3:40 p.m. Thursday in the law school's Pope Room. His topic will be "Is Life an Odyssey? Thoughts on Homer's 'Odyssey.'" Both talks are free and open to the public.

Gotshalk studied under Bugbee at Harvard University during 1948-53, completing an honor's thesis under him on German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. During the subsequent 20 years Gotshalk spent on the faculty at Pennsylvania State University, he summered in the Missoula area, living on Rock Creek and fly-fishing -- often with Bugbee, a devotee of the sport.

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Gotshalk moved to Montana following his retirement and spent several years writing before being drawn back to teaching -- part time -- at UM from 1982 to 1995. His writings include a translation and commentary on the famous Sanskrit poem "Bhagavad-gita" and several recent books on the beginnings of philosophy in India, China and Greece. He now lives in Sheridan.

UM's philosophy department hosts the Bugbee Lecture with support from the College of Arts and Sciences and the UM Foundation's Excellence Fund.

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